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MIXED LIQUID AND DROPLET
FORMING DEVICE, AND INK JET
PRINTING METHOD AND DEVICE, AND
INK JET PRINTING ELECTRODE-
CARRYING NOZZLE

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Examiner: Stephen D. Meier

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of a Supplementary Partial European Search Report dated March 21, 2006, issued by the European Patent Office in a related application and having documents listed thereon is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

All documents cited on the enclosed Supplementary Partial European Search Report are listed on the PTO Form 1449 with the exception of JP2000 313162. JP2000 313162 was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on September 1, 2005 and is therefore not listed at this time.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Supplementary Partial European Search Report as well as all of the documents listed on the PTO-1449 enclosed and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

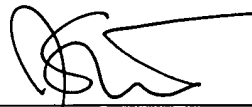
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